

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Steve Lavin, on February 16, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Nancy Wilson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Steve Lavin, Chair (R)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kendra Balian, Committee Secretary
Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 428, 2/11/2015; HB 467, 2/11/2015; HB 473, 2/11/2015; HB 486, 2/11/2015; HJ 16, 2/11/2015; SJ 110, 2/11/2015

00:00:01 Vice Chair Clark assumed the role of Chair

HEARING ON HB 473

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:23 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 473, Require salvage entities to obtain and retain proof of ownership.

00:02:53 Rep. MacDonald arrived

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:04:52 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance

00:05:13 Rep. Smith arrived

00:07:01 Rep. Swanson arrived

00:08:28 Bruce Spencer, CoPart, Property Casualty Insurance Company (PCI)

Informational Testimony:

00:11:59 Sarah Garcia, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:18 Rep. Miller

00:12:57 Sarah Garcia, MVD

00:13:07 Rep. Miller

00:13:22 Sarah Garcia, MVD

00:13:45 Rep. Miller

00:13:52 Rep. Lavin arrived

00:14:02 Sarah Garcia, MVD

00:15:22 Rep. Curdy

00:15:56 Sarah Garcia, MVD

00:16:31 Rep. Garner

00:17:15 Rep. Jacobson

00:18:19 Rep. Wilson

00:19:06 Bruce Spencer, PCI and CoPart

00:20:17 Rep. McKamey

00:21:02 Sarah Garcia, MVD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:19 Rep. Jacobson

00:23:25 Rep. Lavin re-assumed the role of Chair

HEARING ON HB 428

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:45 Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 428, Revise laws related to regulating ride-sharing services in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:29:39 Bob Lake, Public Service Commissioner, District 4
00:32:49 Laura Farkas, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)
00:37:18 Norma Duffey, self
00:41:40 Vance Vanderpan, Greater Valley Taxi
00:48:46 Chuck Denowh, Uber Technologies
00:50:30 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance, Greg VanHorssen- State Farm Insurance and CoPart

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:48 Rep. Garner
00:52:17 Laura Farkas, PSC
00:52:52 Rep. McKamey
00:53:12 Laura Farkas, PSC

[**EXHIBIT\(trh35a01\)**](#)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:36 Rep. MacDonald

HEARING ON HJ 16

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:57 Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), HD 51, opened the hearing on HJ 16, Interim study on ride-sharing in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:57:26 Chuck Denowh, Uber Technologies
00:57:50 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance, also representing Greg Van Horsesen of State Farm and Jackie Lenmark of American Insurance Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:58:22 Carrie Pintar, Amazing Taxi
00:59:53 Mary Garcia, Mining City Taxi

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:51 Rep. Wilson
01:02:25 Rep. MacDonald
01:02:53 Chair Lavin
01:03:06 Carrie Pintar, Amazing Taxi

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:27 Rep. MacDonald

HEARING ON SB 110

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:04:20 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 110, Create temporary vehicle registration for non-resident vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:07 Mike Jeffords, Vice President, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)
01:08:15 Bob Walker, Our Montana
[EXHIBIT\(trh35a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:00 Sen. Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 467

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:12:48 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 467, Clarify laws related to roads, access, and private property.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:15:11 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana
01:15:39 Cindy Swank, self
[EXHIBIT\(trh35a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:23:27 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:27:18 Rep. Garner

01:27:30 Rep. Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:04 Rep. Miller

HEARING ON HB 486

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:28:24 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 486, Revise laws related to mopeds.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:29:37 Melinda Barnes, Bike Walk Montana

[EXHIBIT\(trh35a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh35a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh35a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:34:41 Rep. Cook

01:35:20 Chair Lavin

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 415

01:37:05 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 415 DO PASS.**

01:37:16 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that the **AMENDMENT DO PASS.**

[EXHIBIT\(trh35a07\)](#)

Discussion:

01:37:34 Chair Lavin

01:37:37 Rep. Garner

01:39:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-0 by voice vote. Rep. Curdy and Rep. Randall voted by proxy.

01:39:49 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 415 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:40:00 Rep. Wilson

01:40:43 Rep. McKamey

01:41:59 Chair Lavin

01:42:37 Rep. Garner

01:44:35 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Clark, Rep. Cook, Rep. Garner, Rep. Lavin, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Miller voting aye. Rep. Curdy and Rep. Randall voted by proxy.

01:44:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 415 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote.

01:45:30 Chair Lavin

01:45:49 Rep. Clark

01:45:53 Chair Lavin

01:46:25 Rep. MacDonald

01:46:28 Chair Lavin

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:46:36

Kendra Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh35aad.pdf](#))